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¶1. (SBU) The Department of State reviewed its files and finds that it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights for the individuals below. These individuals are candidates to attend the Fourth Annual Sovereign Challenge Foreign Military Attach Conference sponsored by U.S. Special Operations Command The conference will take place at Hurlburt Field in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida from November 17-20, 2008.

¶2. (U) Candidates:

CHENG Siok Kian; DOB October 20, 1969; POB: Singapore; Nationality: Singapore; NRIC # D0001988C; Singapore Armed Forces Branch: Army; Rank: Brigadier General; Current Position: Defense Attach, Embassy of the Republic of Singapore, Washington, DC

CHUA Swee Beng Jeridius; DOB December 16, 1969; POB: Singapore; Nationality: Singapore; NRIC # D0001797B; Singapore Armed Forces Branch: Air Force; Rank: Lieutenant Colonel; Current Position: Assistant Defense Attach, Embassy of the Republic of Singapore, Washington, DC

¶3. (U) Post may provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified in paragraph 2 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.

¶4. (U) If, in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.

¶5. (U) POC for this action is Jameson DeBose:
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